



402nd Army Field Support Brigade (AFSB)



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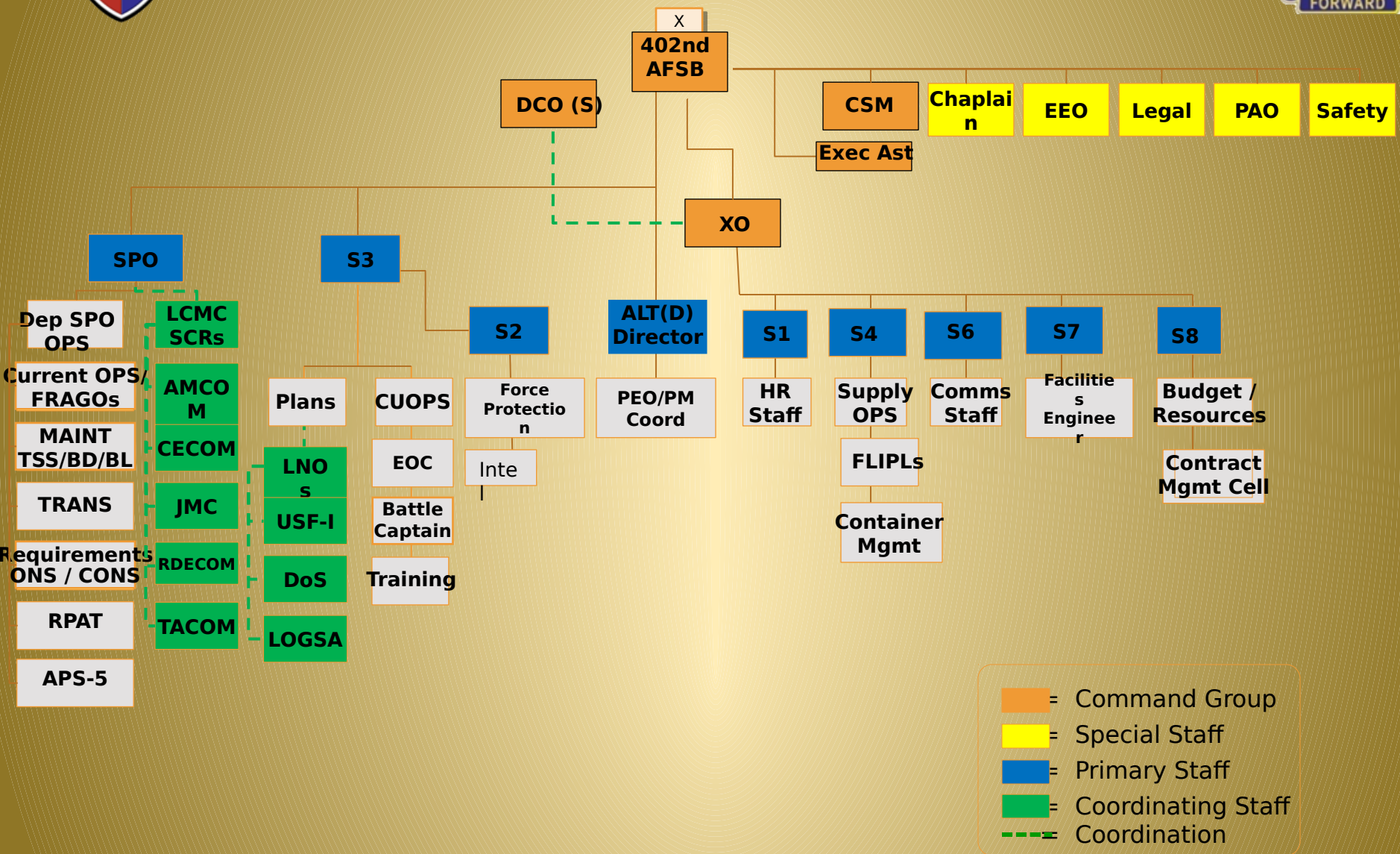


Provide operational and strategic level sustainment support by leveraging the Materiel Enterprise and integrating acquisition, logistics, and technology to protect, equip, and sustain joint, coalition, and interagency forces anywhere assigned.





Brigade Staff





History

The 402nd Army Field Support Brigade is fairly young, activated in Balad Air Base, Iraq on October 16, 2006. It's origin sprung out of a necessity to prevent one central command—AMC—from needing to shoulder the immense task of full-scale logistical support to all operations in the Middle East. This includes Kuwait, Qatar, and Afghanistan. In addition to supporting an increasing number of field missions and Route Clearance, 402nd participated in other programs too. Some of these missions were the Theater Property Book and Retrograde Property Accounting Teams, which it would eventually take total control of in order for its sister Unit, 401st AFSCB, to concentrate on the Afghanistan surge. As US Forces drew down in Iraq, the Brigade shifted its Headquarters to Kuwait in 2011. However, it still maintains an





Life in the 402nd

No matter which installation you work on, you'll realize the symbiotic relationship all personnel form in order to meet each other's needs. Kuwaiti and foreign nationals alike work in civilian agencies directly beside and for our military components. Like any Army base or corporate facility, trades from every vocation are embedded in the workplace. They maintain an atmosphere of productivity and ultimately contribute to the greater cause, the mission —YOUR MISSION.





Billeting



Once assigned to the 402nd, you might settle in one of two communities—Wilson Willows or Power Village—which are comprised of custom-made Containerized Housing Units (CHU). Your room has all the furnishing and functionality of a small apartment:

- Electricity
- Air conditioning/heat
- Refrigerator
- Running hot and cold water (there's a sink in the room)
- Bed (with pillow)
- Wardrobe cabinet

- Cable outlet for television
- Bathroom with shower (shared with neighboring room)
- Nearby laundry facility
- Internet capability
- Around the clock mail





Shopping



No need to worry about doing without. The Post Exchanges carry virtually everything you need. Its aisles are filled with kitchenware, bedding, food stock, electronics, software, clothing, over-the-counter remedies, health supplements, and souvenirs, to name a few. Attached to the PX is a mini-mall whose floors are fortified with additional shopping kiosks and stores, to include Military Clothing and Sales. Other services housed in the building are the post office, library, finance, and the MWR Tours Group.



Dining

It's no secret that the military installations in Kuwait are renowned for their world-class dining facilities. There's a broad gamut of dishes on the menu to accommodate any palate, depending what you're in the mood for. Every meal is prepared dutifully and the DFAC staff are at your service.

For the fitness minded, there's a multitude of healthy choices to pick from. There are three dining facilities on Camp Arifjan, all conveniently located near Soldier and resident quarters.

For a change of pace, each installation provides alternative sources of dining. It's not unlike stateside assignments where you can readily satisfy a particular American craving from a food court, i.e. Pizza Hut, Taco Bell, Hardees, KFC, etc. These





Physical Recreation

Physical activity on Camp Arifjan comes in a limitless venue. Whether you want to enhance personal health or you're competitively inclined, the installation hosts a diversity of activities or recreational services you can take advantage of. There are three gyms on base packed with the latest exercise equipment. They satisfy all types of workouts—weight lifting, boxing, cross-fit, circuit training, Zumba aerobics, and the list goes on. After work hours, teams from various sports circles such as basketball, soccer, ball hockey, tennis, and softball rival in their respective arenas. The post also has running tracks and an Olympic size swimming pool. There's never a shortage of fitness or sport-related involvement.





MWR Recreation

If indoor activities are more your style, then visit the MWR Community Centers. They are the central crowd-drawing establishments on post that host games like Texas Hold'Em, Bingo, Ping Pong, Billiards, and much more. You can also catch a movie in the adjacent movie theater. Titles are as current as they are in the states. Both facilities possess a cache of DVDs and video games that you can either play there on flat screens, or you can check them out for free. And of course, phone and computer cafes are granted for your use. For a full list of what the MWR offers, you can grab a brochure from either facility or have them put you on their email





Education/Creativity

A popular opportunity among Soldiers is taking college classes while stationed here in Kuwait. The staff at the Education Center on Camp Arifjan can set you up, have you registered, and enrolled in higher education—all in one visit.



Down the street from the Education Center is the Wood Shop where hundreds of people have constructed impressive products. You don't have to be skilled; just take a two hour instructional class and you're in.



Holistic Well-Being

All installations in Kuwait honor most religious denominations. The Chapel Teams are committed to supporting the spiritual growth and development of each person within the community. A wide range of religious education, counseling, and worship opportunities are offered.



The Resiliency Centers on Camp Arifjan advocate five pillars of a person's welfare—family, physical, social, emotional, and spiritual wellness. These facilities are designed for individuals to unwind, reflect, and “get away” for a moment. Chaplains keep offices in these



Medical/Dental

The Medical and Dental facilities on Camp Arifjan are top notch. The hospital is contemporary with diagnostic and laparoscopic capabilities. Each department within the building is headed by professionals whose goal it is to keep our force healthy. Emergency care is always open.



The **Troop Medical Clinic** is co-located with the hospital.

Sick call hrs:

Mon-Fri: 0730-1045 / 1300-1445

Sat: 0730-1045

Sun: Closed



Good Idea



Bring your laptop with at least a 14ft. Ethernet cord. Internet is available.



If you don't have one, you can purchase one at the PX. This item can turn your computer into a traditional telephone, and you can make long distance phone calls. The service is an inexpensive flat rate for one year.



DoD civilians aren't required to wear uniforms. Although the PX sells them, bring some clothes. Military should bring a couple sets too.



Sunglasses are a good idea in this environment.



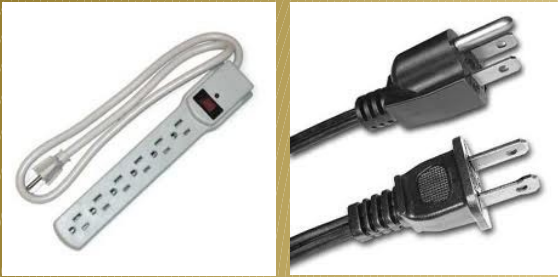
Bring your civilian driver's license. You'll need it to get a license on base.



Sandstorms aren't uncommon in Kuwait. You should invest in a hood, gaiter, or scarf to breathe through. Goggles that pad around your eyes are a must too.



Bad Idea



Don't bring American-style surge protectors or plug adaptors. They won't work. Don't attempt to plug in an electronic device or appliance that has these kind of prongs either. Get the appropriate 220V receptacles at the PX.



Do not bring an electronic clock. Even with a power convertor it loses time. Use battery-operated alarm clocks.



Don't bring a fan. If you must have one, purchase the 220V model at the PX.



It's unnecessary to have a lot of cash on hand. There are ATMs and Eagle Cash machines available.



Candles and incense are unauthorized so don't bring them.





Welcome to the Team

Working and residing on the installations in Kuwait is not unlike working and living on bases in the states. In fact, endeavors are so focused on catering to the workforce that the transition is seamless. Communities are sectioned into Zones and each are autonomous in all facets of living—dining, exercise, entertainment, shopping, worship, etc. You can see that comfort and familiarity are key priorities in theater. Even television broadcasts syndicate your basic cable package, to include a movie channel—for free! And you'll find the music playing on the radio recognizable. A lot of effort has been placed into shaping Kuwait assignments as home, and successfully so. It's no wonder why





DSN Directory

(Camp Arifjan)

- Housing - 318-480-0255
- MWR Community Centers
 - Zone 1 - 318-430-1205
 - Zone 6 - 318-430-7482
- Fitness Centers
 - Zone 1 - 318-430-1302
 - Zone 6 - 318-430-7475
- Education Center - 318-430-1381/1322
- Troop Medical Clinic - 318-430-1798
- Dental Clinic - 318-430-1691
- Brigade Chaplain - 318-430-4667
- Religious Services